arrangements during such festivals. On 1.10.2008, another advisory has been issued to all States/UTs suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temple/shrine at a particular time; proper access control procedure/ system at every entry/exit point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evacuation procedures; etc. to avoid recurrence of incidents of stampede in future.

(d) Does not arise.

Lack of IT Technology for fighting cyber crimes

559. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security forces are lacking in IT technology and are inadequate in dealing with cyber crimes;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government; and

(c) the details of fiscal allocation for application of IT technologies to strengthen internal security forces and police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government has been making efforts for the modernization, and strengthening the capabilities of the Central Security. Forces and intelligence agencies, as well as the State Police under the Scheme for modernization of State Police Forces (MPF). These, *inter alia*, include measures to strengthen the capabilities with regard to cyber crimes and the use of cyber space for crimes, through different types of equipment and gadgetary, training, etc. It has also been decided recently to establish a Research and Technology central in the intelligence set up with a view to continuously study development in the sphere of technology and tacked, etc., and evolve counter measures to deal with various kinds of crimes including cyber crimes.

(c) Apart from general emphasis on increased use of IT technologies by the security agencies, it has been decided to launch a separate scheme, namely Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System, for which an outlay of Rs. 2,000 crores has been provided in the 11th Plan, which envisages computerization of Police operations from the Police Station level upwards, lateral and hierarchical networking, and creation of various types of databases at the local, State and national levels which *inter alia*, would assist in more effective tracking of criminals and control of crimes.

Shortage of police personnel for tackling terror and crime

560. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Police are understaffed to meet the challenge of tackling terror and crime;

(b) whether there are more than 1.3 lakhs vacancies in the Central and State police force;

(c) if so, the details thereof;